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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/107,765, filed June 30, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No.08/604,976, filed May 17, 1996, which is a 371 of PCT/US94/10717, filed September 22, 1994. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 2 and 5.

Amend claim 1, 3 and 12 as follows:

1.(Amended) A safety razor blade unit comprising a guard, a cap, and a group of first, second, and third blades with parallel sharpened edges located between the guard and cap, the first blade defining a blade edge nearest the guard having a negative exposure not less than

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